

# IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## RETURN

OF

## PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)  
ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER, 1899.

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## IRISH LAND COMMISSION

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts." up to the 31st day of December, 1899; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

## COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th November, 1899, . . .	196,333		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . .	79	196,412	By Chief Commission to 30th November, 1899, . . .	4,943	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	10,498		„ in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	19	4,961
Do. in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	25				
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	30,661	10,523	By Sub-Commissions to 30th November, 1899, . . .	167,778	
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . .	3		„ in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	187	167,963
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents, to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	1,270	30,054	Dismissed—		
„ received in Dec., 1899, . . .	1		To 30th November, 1899, . . .	9,187	
		1,271	In month of December, 1899, . . .	17	9,204
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	1,461		Struck out—		
Do. in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	4	1,465	To 30th November, 1899, . . .	35,779	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings, separately worked and occupied by them, under Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	467		In month of December, 1899, . . .	51	36,830
Do. in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	2		Withdrawn—		
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th November, 1899, . . .	38	469	To 30th November, 1899, . . .	15,079	
Do. in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	2		In month of December, 1899, . . .	18	15,097
		40			
Total, . . .	—	240,234	Total disposed of, . . .	—	233,755

\* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (ix), page 5.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be entered, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 30th Nov., 1899,	50,776	51,141	Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	750	791
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	365		" in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	41	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	3,553	3,594	By Sub-Commissions to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	25,114	23,838
Do. in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	41		" in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	784	
			Dismissed— To 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	576	583
			In month of December, 1899, . . . . .	7	
			Struck out— To 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	4,578	4,982
			In month of December, 1899, . . . . .	104	
			Withdrawn*— To 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	844	867
			In month of December, 1899, . . . . .	23	
Total, . . . . .	—	54,735	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	31,061

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be refused, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## (b.) Out of Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	128,543
Do, do, in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	254
Total, . . . . .	128,777

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	20,278
Do, do, in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	554
Total, . . . . .	20,832

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices, (e.g. Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	1,814	1,822	Number disposed of to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	2,670
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	8		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	8
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g. Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	43	43		
Do, in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	1,063	1,063		
Applications in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—			
Total, . . . . .	—	2,928	Total disposed of, . . . . .	2,678

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking an opinion upon the true value of a tenancy, or rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTER TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW IRELAND ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	22	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	30	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	3	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	3
Total, . . . . .	55	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	55

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1898.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 39.

Number of Applications received to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	19		Applications granted to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	6	
" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	19	" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	6
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	11	
" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	3	" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	11
			Applications withdrawn to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	3	
			" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	3
Total, . . . . .	—	22	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	20

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	4,356	Rents fixed to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	3,931	
" in December, 1899, . . . . .	—	" in December, 1899, . . . . .	—	3,931
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	403	
		" in Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	403
Total, . . . . .	4,356	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	4,356

## VI.—APPEALS FOR FAIR RENTS, &amp;c.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	49,687	Number heard to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	24,836	
" in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	45	" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	73	24,909
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	801	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	21,701	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	40	21,741
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	47,451
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	2,501
Total, . . . . .	49,732	Total, . . . . .	—	49,752

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	13,133	Number heard to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	3,634	
" in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	291	" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	254	3,888
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	1,917	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	103	2,020
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	5,908
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	7,616
Total, . . . . .	13,524	Total, . . . . .	—	13,524

## VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	29,179	11,452,066
" in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—
	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused, . . . . .	3,811	1,459,426
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans issued to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	25,367	9,992,515
Loans issued in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—
	25,367	9,992,515

## VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891, 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	27,539	8,246,545		
Less applications since withdrawn, . . . . .	26	12,325		
	27,513	8,234,220		
Loans applied for in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	474	163,420	28,087	8,397,640
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	767	227,478		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	35	2,719	802	230,197
Loans applied for (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	109	106,594		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	109	106,594
Loans applied for (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	15	284,849		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	15	284,849
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1893), to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	2,835	749,797		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	2,835	749,797
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	31,848	9,769,047
Less applications refused to 31st December, 1899, . . . . .	1,018	414,467		
„ „ in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1893), to 31st December, 1899, . . . . .	1,077	302,244	5,095	716,711
Loans sanctioned to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	22,065	6,790,116	29,753	9,052,336
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	494	163,974		
Loans sanctioned (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	767	227,478	22,490	6,894,099
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	35	2,719	802	230,197
Loans sanctioned (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	109	106,594		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	109	106,594
Loans sanctioned (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	15	284,849		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	15	284,849
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1893), to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	1,758	447,523		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	1,758	447,523
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	25,174	7,923,362
Less applications rescinded to the 31st December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	74	15,672
Loans issued to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	17,635	5,592,800	25,100	7,947,580
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	580	211,636	18,215	5,734,434
„ (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	767	227,478		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	35	2,719	802	230,197
„ (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	84	82,649		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	84	82,649
„ (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	15	284,849		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	15	284,849
„ in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1893), to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	1,758	447,523		
„ in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	—	1,758	447,523
			29,874	6,779,654

## IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1894.

Applications received to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	1,444	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	169	
" in December, 1899, . . . . .	6	Number received in December, 1899, . . . . .	—	169
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	1,370	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	1	1,371
				1,440
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired, . . . . .	—	10
Total, . . . . .	1,450	Total, . . . . .	—	1,450

\* Applicants treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 3

## CIVIL BILL COURTS.

## MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under the "Land Law Acts" as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of December, 1899.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

## (a.) In Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	32,168		Rents fixed to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	18,228	
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	92		" in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	10	18,344
		32,260	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	4,081	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	4,365		" in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	18	4,099
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	3		Applications withdrawn* to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	502	
		4,368	" in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	1	503
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	2,358		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	11,959	
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	2		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	31	11,990
		2,360	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	38	
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	111		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	2	40
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	4				
		115			
Total, . . . . .	—	32,303	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	34,876

\* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant and it may be inferred where applications to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.



## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	6,741	Rents fixed to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	1,828	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	35	1,861
Applications received in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	188	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	315	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	4	319
		Applications withdrawn* to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	83	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	1	84
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	3,553	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	41	3,594
Total, . . . . .	6,929	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	5,758

\* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## (b.) Out of Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	7,318
Do, do, in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	3
Total, . . . . .	7,321

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	125
Do, do, in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—
Total, . . . . .	125

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES\*.

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):		Number disposed of to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	245	
Applications received to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	640	" in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	348
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Nov., 1899, . . . . .	42	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 35) received to 30th November, 1899, . . . . .	5	Transferred in month of Dec., 1899, . . . . .	—	42
Applications received in month of December, 1899, . . . . .	—			
	3			
Total, . . . . .	643	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	390

\* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, for rent, avoidance of lease, or any other matter which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEES TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	—	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	6	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 30th November, 1899, . . .	—	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th November, 1899, . . .	—	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	—	
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . .	—	6

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 30th November, 1899, . . .	22	Applications granted to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	3	
" in month of December, 1899, . . .	—	" in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1899, . . .	4	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 30th November, 1899, . . .	1	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th November, 1899, . . .	3	
		" in month of Dec., 1899, . . .	—	3
Total, . . .	22	Total disposed of, . . .	—	11

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,  
22nd February, 1900.

JOHN H. FRANKS.